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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1894 (LVII), requested the Secretary-General to submit, at each session of a functional commission or subsidiary body of the Council, a draft provisional agenda for its following session and to indicate the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation.

2. In resolution 1979/41, the Council decided that the provisional agenda for its subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, should be submitted to the Council for its review, in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency between the documentation of those bodies and the overall documentation requested by the Council and other subsidiary bodies and greater consistency between the requests for documentation and the medium-term plan and the programme budget.

3. In resolution 1982/50 on the revitalization of its work, the Council endorsed the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the documentation and programme of work of the subsidiary bodies of the Council should also be streamlined in order to enable them to perform effectively the functions entrusted to them.

4. The draft provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Statistical Commission was recommended to the Economic and Social Council for approval by the Commission at its twenty-seventh session. 1/ The Council, by its decision 1993/222, approved the agenda at its substantive session of 1993 and the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination

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* E/CN.3/1994/1.

endorsed it, with some changes, at its sixteenth session (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 45). The agenda will be modified at the present session in the light of resolutions and decisions adopted and requests made by the Commission during the present session and will be submitted to the Council for further review, in accordance with Council resolution 1979/41. The draft provisional agenda, as endorsed by the Working Group is as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

   Documentation

   Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session

   Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session

3. Strengthening international statistical cooperation.

   Documentation

   Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its seventeenth session (E/CN.3/1994/2, paras. 49 and 63)

   Progress reports of the Task Forces (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 49):

   National Accounts: (Convener: Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA))

   Industrial and Construction Statistics (Convener: Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD))

   International Trade Statistics (Convener: General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT))

   Finance Statistics (Convener: International Monetary Fund (IMF))

   Price Statistics, including the International Comparison Programme (Convener: Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT))

   Environment Statistics (Convener: Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat (UNSTAT))

   Service Statistics (Convener: to be decided)

   Measurement of Poverty (Convener: World Bank)

Report of the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its twenty-eighth session (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 49)

Report of the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on plans in methodological development (E/CN.3/1994/2, paras. 24 and 49)

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of statistical data collection from countries (E/CN.3/1994/2, paras. 45 (c), 49 and 63)

4. National accounts.

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on National Accounts (Convener: ISWGNA) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 50)

Reports (for information) by one or more members of the Task Force (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 50)

5. Service statistics.

Documentation

Progress report of the Secretary-General on service statistics (E/CN.3/1994/4, para. 51)

Report of the Task Force on Service Statistics (Convener: to be decided) (or, in the event the Task Force does not become operational, an issue-oriented paper on the subject, to be explored by UNSTAT with other organizations) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 51)

Report of the Secretary-General on the development of classifications and implementation of the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, Revision 3 (ISIC, Rev.3) (services part) (E/CN.3/1994/2, paras. 45 (d), 51 and 54)

Report of the Voorburg Group on a substantive topic (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 51)

6. Industrial statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Industrial and Construction Statistics (Convener: OECD) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 52)

Report of the Secretary-General on the development of classifications and implementation of ISIC, Rev.3 (industrial statistics part) (E/CN.3/1994/2, paras. 45 (d) and 54)

7. Price statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Price Statistics including the International Comparison Programme (ICP) (Convener: EUROSTAT) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 53)

8. International trade statistics.

Documentation

Progress report of the Task Force on International Trade Statistics (Convener: GATT) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 65)

9. Finance statistics.

Documentation

Progress report of the Task Force on Finance Statistics (Convener: IMF) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 65)

10. International economic classifications.

Report of the Secretary-General on computerized correspondence tables and functional classifications of expenditure (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 54)

Report of the Secretary-General on the draft revised Classification of the Functions of Government (COFOG) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 54)

Report of the Secretary-General on the draft revised Classification of Individual Consumption (COICOP) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 54)

11. Monitoring adherence to adopted United Nations classifications.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the present situation regarding the adoption of classifications in countries and their relationship to adopted United Nations classifications (and advantages and disadvantages of more flexible standards, classifications and other elements), concentrating in the first instance on classifications for economic activities and commodities (E/CN.3/1994/2, paras. 45 (e) and 55)

12. Demographic and social statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on demographic, social and migration statistics (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 56)

Report of the Secretary-General on the 1990 and 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programmes (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 56)

13. Measuring and monitoring economic and social development (E/CN.3/1994/2, paras. 45 (f), and 60).

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on the Measurement of Poverty (Convener: World Bank) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 60)

Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) on its work on the development of poverty profiles (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 60)

Report of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on the measurement of human development (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 60)

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme to monitor the achievement of social goals (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 60)

Report on measuring and monitoring economic and social development and aspects of the statistical implications of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (E/CN.3/1994/2, paras. 45 (f) and 60)

14. Environment statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Environment Statistics (Convener: UNSTAT) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 58)

Reports (for information) by one or more members of the Task Force (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 58)

15. Technical cooperation in statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on technical cooperation in statistics, including an assessment of agency support cost arrangements (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 59)

Report of Statistics Canada on statistical education and training (E/CN.3/1994/2, paras. 45 (g) and 59)

16. Fundamental principles of official statistics. (This item is retained on the agenda pending the outcome of the Commission's consideration of the question at its special session in 1994.) (E/CN.3/1994/2, paras. 25-29 and 61)

Documentation

To be determined

17. Technological development and databases.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the development of electronic methods for the compilation and dissemination of international statistics and standards, including meta-data standards for international data exchange (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 62)

Report of the Secretary-General on coordination of statistical data collection from countries (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 62)

18. Coordination and integration of international statistical programmes.

Documentation

Oral proposals by the Chairman of the Commission

19. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of international statistical work in the United Nations system (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 45 (b)).

Documentation

To be decided

20. Programme questions and related matters.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing updated information on the work of the Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat (UNSTAT) (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 64)

Report of the Secretary-General on the overall review of the statistical work of international organizations in statistics (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 63)

Report of the Secretary-General on plans of international organizations in statistics (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 63)

Draft programme of work of the Statistical Division of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1996-1997, revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, first proposals for the medium-term

plan for the period 1998-2003, and information on programme performance during the period 1992-1994 (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 63)

21. Provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the Commission.

22. Report of the Commission on its twenty-eighth session.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 6 (E/1993/26), chaps. I and XVI.